

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 170  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mariclare Williams of  
Portland.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mariclare Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was an exemplary public servant and a true treasure to the people of Portland; and

WHEREAS, she worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, known throughout her community for her kindness and sense of humor, Mrs. Williams was recognized as a food expert and was often a judge of food contests; and

WHEREAS, a talented baker, Mrs. Williams' skills were recognized far and wide; her apricot cakes could bring in \$30 each at the Portland Chamber of Commerce auction, and her wedding cakes were extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mariclare Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Jimmy, and as recently as February, the couple was selected as *The Leader's* 2003 Valentine Sweetheart Couple; and

WHEREAS, she was beloved by so many people who count themselves blessed to have known her, for her smile, her gentle laugh, her graciousness, and her positive attitude; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams will be remembered by her family and her many friends as a wonderful woman whose kind spirit was an inspiration; and

WHEREAS, Mariclare Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mariclare Williams, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.